

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE
OWENSBORO-DAVIESS COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

February 23, 2010

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The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Owensboro-Daviess County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) met on February 23, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 406, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky. A quorum was present with the members as listed:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Parrish, Owensboro City Manager, Chairman
Jim Lambert, Commissioner, Daviess County Fiscal Court, Vice-Chairman
Joe Schepers, Owensboro City Engineer
Nick Hall, District Two, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)
Gary Noffsinger, Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission
John Newland, Kenergy
(Represented by Jr. Roby)
Sgt. Robert Duvall, Owensboro Police Department
Dean Behnke, Regional Water Resource Agency
Nick Brake, Greater Owensboro Economic Development Corporation
Dick Chapman, Owensboro Municipal Utilities
Col. Jeff Jones, Daviess County Sheriff Department
Sinan Rayyan, Daviess County Engineer
Jody Wassmer, Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
Amy Thomas, KYTC, Division of Planning

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Whitworth, Federal Highway Administration, Frankfort
Junior Young, Owensboro Public Schools
Ken Rasp, Owensboro Catholic Schools
Jiten Shah, Executive Director, GRADD
Ed Riney, Owensboro Riverport Authority
Bob Whitmer, Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport
Louis Lindsay, Owensboro Transit System
Jeff Barber, Owensboro Medical Health System

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Kevin McClearn, Chief District Engineer, District 2, KYTC
Tom Creasey, ENTRAN
Brian Aldridge, ENTRAN
Ted Grossardt, Community Decisions
John Ripy, Community Decisions
Brian Howard, OMPC
Becky Stone, OMPC
Wayne Shelton, City of Owensboro
Matt White, City of Owensboro
Keith Harpole, Associate Director for Transportation Planning, GRADD
Paula Snyder, Support Staff, GRADD

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Parrish, the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 29, 2009, meeting of the Combined Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee, and Citizen's Advisory Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded
by JR Roby to approve the minutes of the
September 29, 2009, of the Combined Meeting.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2011 Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Keith Harpole presented the Draft Unified Planning Work Program to the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration. Mr. Harpole explained that the FY 2011 UPWP is identical to the FY 2010 UPWP. Mr. Harpole said that a vote was needed to take the FY 2011 UPWP to the public, planning partners for comments.

A motion was made by Jody Wassmer and seconded by Gary Noffsinger to approve the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program for comments.
A vote taken and the motion passed.

B. Downtown Owensboro Draft Traffic Recommendation

A motion was made by Nick Brake and seconded Joe Schepers to accept the recommendation for the purpose of discussion.
A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Tom Creasey gave a presentation concerning the Downtown Traffic Study. A copy of Mr. Creasey's presentation is attached for your convenience.

Mr. Creasey stated that portions of Second Street and Fourth Street would be converted to two-way traffic. He further stated that Second Street would be two-way from the intersection of Second and Fourth Street at Martin Way to the intersection of either Crittenden Street or Triplett Street. He stated that Fourth Street would be two-way from the intersection of Second Street and Fourth Street near Martin Way to Breckenridge Street. He also stated that the remainder of Second and Fourth Street would become a state route from the existing Bypass to where they become two-way streets. He stated this was due to the traffic patterns of the three businesses, Yager Material, Owensboro Grain, Lafarge Corporation, stating that these businesses have very unique travel demands.

Mr. Creasey further stated that at the intersection of West Second, West Fourth Streets and Martin Way, it is recommended that a Roundabout be constructed. The Roundabout would be the most efficient way to handle traffic coming into Owensboro from the west.

Mr. Creasey stated that if the City of Owensboro took maintenance of Second and Fourth Streets, the US 60 designation would be transferred to the US 60 Bypass.

He stated that Fifth Street is recommended to become two-way between Breckenridge Street and Frederica Street.

His final recommendation is that Frederica Street becomes a state route between the US 60 Bypass and Parrish Avenue, with the remainder, Parrish Avenue to Second Street, either become a state route or a city street.

A motion was made by Joe Schepers and seconded by Jeff Jones to recommend the conceptual Traffic Plan of the Downtown Transportation Study to the Policy Committee.

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Nick Hall abstained.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT HIGHWAY OFFICE

Kevin McClearn stated that the KYTC would have to evaluate the transfer of US 60, Fifth Street to the City, as to legal aspects, also, if the city can maintain the new streets, what other new state expenditures might crop up with new city construction.

He stated that the Roundabout, at KY 81 and KY 56, there is to be a public meeting sometime late spring or early summer.

VII. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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